

Prices and Prospects.

Seasonal Quietness in Iron And Steel is Plainly Marked; Reflects Conditions in Coke

Furnaces Running Light With
No Prospect of Blowing
In Idle Stacks.

PRICES ON CONTRACTS

For First Quarter of New Year Are
Considerably Higher Than Rule for
Spot; Coal Market Promises Better
Than Coke; More Foundry Inquiry.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—The quietness that invariably prevails in the iron and steel trade at this time of year is now plainly marked and is added to the more or less dull condition that has obtained for a couple of months past. Pig iron is in very light demand and the merchant furnaces that are in blast are endeavoring to make as little iron as is consistent with an economical operation, while there is no thought at this time of blowing in any of the idle furnaces.

As for some time past, the Connellsville coke market represents simply a reflection of conditions in the iron and steel trade, and nothing but dullness in the coke market can be expected. There is no inquiry for spot or prompt furnace coke and the market price can be quoted on the basis of asking figures or on contracts as to what might be done if sellers were given some inquiry to work on, the former course in determining the market price being the safer.

Nearly all the furnace coke contracts in force at late terminate with the end of this month and in ordinary times there would be active negotiations on contract for the first quarter or half of the new year. The average furnacemen is not disposed to chafe at this, but is rather glad to have a steady demand for his product, and is disposed to cover only for the month of January, whereby the usual procedure is to renew existing contracts for a month, at a price determined by private negotiation. In some cases an understanding has been reached that shipments are to be continued while the price is to be agreed upon later.

For the first quarter of the new year, coke operators are rather stiff in their price views, in that they demand a considerably higher price than now rules for spot coke. The operators base their views upon the coal market, rather than upon the pig iron market, since they expect a better coal market in the next three months than exists now, and even the present coal market is better than the coke market. Taking spot coke at \$2.00 and allowing only 50 cents for the version, which is probably well below actual cost, there is left \$2.50 for a ton and a half of coal, or \$1.50 per ton, and operators feel that with proper marketing facilities they should secure considerably more than that for coal. A difficulty with some operators of late has been that they did not have proper marketing facilities for coal, having depended too much on the coke market.

With fears entertained that there will be a suspension of mining in the union coal fields April 1 on account of disagreement on the wage scale, a better market for coal is expected in the next three months by consumers being disposed to stock up. Several operators have lately come to the conclusion that there is a better future for them in coal than in coke, taking the long range view. It is a fact, however, that the proportion of beehive coke made to total coke made has been increasing since the December logical survey reports show that last July 12 per cent of the total coke production of the country was beehive, while the percentage has increased month by month until November showed a 21 per cent proportion for beehive. The output of by-product coke did not decrease, but indeed increased, the beehive production simply increasing faster.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the lower Connellsville district (often called the Kiskadee and sometimes the Massontown district) to principal points for shipment are as follows, per ton of 2,000 pounds, effective August 26, 1920:

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	\$3.25
Buffalo	2.94
Canada	2.80
Chicago	4.82
Cleveland	3.98
Columbus	3.98
Detroit	4.98
12 St. Louis	5.94
Eliz	3.03
Harrisburg	3.51
John	4.62
Louisville	4.92
Milwaukee	5.32
New York	4.44
Philadelphia	3.92
Pittsburg	1.66
Port Henry, N. Y.	5.94
Port Mahoning, Ont.	5.94
Pottsville	2.78
Reading	2.81
Richmond, Va. (B. & O.)	5.22
Richmond, Va. (P. & R.)	5.82
South Bethlehem	2.52
Swedeland, Pa.	3.22
Toledo, O.	4.54
Wheeling	2.52
Valley Forge	2.52

For Export:
From Connellsville district:
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessel) \$4.36
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessel) 3.36
From Lehigh district:
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessel) 4.16
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessel) 3.16

steam, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for gas and \$2.75 to \$2.95 for diesel. The Lehigh district operators intend to demand a heavy reduction in the United Mine Workers' scale when the initial conference is held next February.

The local pig iron market continues very quiet, inquiry as a rule being for very small tonnages indeed, not enough to produce price competition. In January, however, a buyer recently inquired for a moderate tonnage and got it at \$1 a ton below the nominal market as previously quoted, and establishing a new price of \$19.50. This does not make a new low point, however, for the market was at \$19.50 from about the middle of July to the middle of August, an advance beginning at that time. December and basic are unchanged. The market is now quotable as follows:

Base	Price
Base	\$22.00
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Base	\$22.00

STEEL MARKETS ARE QUIET AS ALWAYS AT THIS SEASON

Prices of Tubular Goods Reduced Considerably; Other Lines Generally Are Unchanged in Price.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

The finished steel markets generally are quiet, reflecting the holiday condition and the fact that inventories are soon to be taken. For once at least the steel trade is able to assign a reason for its dullness that is fully supported by all the experience of the past, for the latter part of December has invariably been a dull period in steel.

Under date of December 15 the National Tube company issued new price lists on standard pipe, oil country goods and line pipe, effecting reductions of \$5 to \$6 a ton from lists of September 16. The action was in response to continued shading by independent and in standard pipe, on which most of the independents had 60-day guarantees outstanding, the reduction went quite beyond the average of the cutting.

The development in tubular goods furnished the exception that tests the steel prices in general having been practically stationary of late, with a light demand as the probable cause. In tubular goods there had been quite heavy demand, resulting in a present operation of pipe mills at from 80 to 90 per cent of capacity.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1921				WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 1921			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,451	4,423	14,021	55,369	18,430	4,392	14,047	51,280
Lower Connellsville	17,019	3,313	13,704	42,470	17,013	3,317	13,702	37,530
Totals	35,470	7,736	27,725	97,839	35,443	7,709	27,749	88,810
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	15,170	3,399	11,771	46,280	15,170	3,374	11,798	41,740
Lower Connellsville	6,936	1,244	5,452	17,500	6,936	1,244	5,742	15,940
Totals	22,106	4,643	17,223	63,780	22,106	4,618	17,540	57,680
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	8,254	1,024	2,260	10,089	8,260	1,015	2,251	9,540
Lower Connellsville	10,003	2,061	7,952	21,970	10,003	2,073	7,900	22,190
Totals	18,257	3,085	10,212	32,059	18,263	3,091	10,211	32,730

NO PRESENT PLAN TO PENALIZE MINES FOR STREAM POLLUTION

Announces Chairman of Congressional Committee in Charge of Bills.

COAL MEN WILL BE HEARD

If Scope Is Enlarged to Include Mine Drainage; Present Measure Confines Restrictions to Oil Waste Discharged From Oil-Burning Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In its investigations into the pollution of streams, being made by the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House in reaction to two bills now before Congress, the chairman of the committee has declared that there is no present intention to include waste water from mines in the restrictions, the principal object of the measures being to eliminate the discharge waste oil from oil-burning vessels because of the damage done to fish and the fire menace it creates.

This announcement was made at a hearing of the committee at which J. D. Morrow, vice-president of the National Coal Association, appeared as a witness.

"It does seem to me that any legislation of this kind would affect the discharge into the streams of material of any kind, refuse or other kinds of material that is harmful," said the chairman of the committee to Mr. Morrow.

"I do not think you need to discuss it on the basis of the discharge from mines that is not harmful," he added. "What is not harmful I do not believe will be dealt with in any legislation that will be suggested. I do not think any legislation will be adopted which will make it criminal or will penalize the discharge into streams of anything except what is harmful."

Mr. Morrow stated that up to the time the bill was proposed it had been the general understanding of mining engineers and of public health authorities, so far as the question has been studied, that the presence of mine waters in the streams was not deleterious to the public health but, on the contrary, was beneficial.

Mr. Morrow said that there are thousands of abandoned coal mines in Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia that are discharging highly acid waters into the streams.

"I think that will continue," he said. "I do not believe from the information that I have that it will ever be practicable to stop the discharge of water from those old workings and so far as that water goes in there you would have an acid discharge. If the presence of acid in these streams is objectionable from the standpoint of infection or from other standpoints, it will have to be dealt with after it is in the river because it is inconceivable to me that you will try to dam up the ground water in that territory of Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia, with a surface structure broken up by cave-ins and by old mines, as it is now. When you consider that it covers a area of 150 miles long by 200 miles wide you can get some idea of the practical difficulties that would be faced."

The witness presented a letter from William T. Rial, a councilman of Greensburg, Pa., calling attention to the fact that the State Board of Health of Pennsylvania permits the dumping of city sewage into the streams where the streams are impregnated with acidulous water. If this bill introduced by Representative Keamblom should be enacted, said Mr. Morrow, these places would immediately have to put in a city sewage disposal plant in the interest of public health.

Representative Wells Goodknight of West Virginia, in whose district the Williamson field, the Logan territory, Mullins field and the Pocahontas regions, appeared to urge that the proposed legislation be not made to apply to coal mine waste. He stated that West Virginia had a law that prohibited the entrance of surface and underground water into its waters, but later found that it had an adverse effect on the industry. He stated that the law was repealed and that the industry of West Virginia was suffering.

SANTA CLAUS WILL PASS BY CHILDREN OF MANY MINERS

Actual Starvation Reported in Some Fields by Mine Workers Journal.

DESTITUTION IS GENERAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Widespread unemployment among coal miners during the last year, according to Ellis Searles, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, will cause many hundreds of miners' children to wake up Christmas morning to find that Santa Claus has passed by them. "Thousands of children in West Virginia, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee and even in central Pennsylvania are suffering," he says, for food and clothing. "Coal miners have been out of employment nearly all this year and thousands of them are penniless and in terrible distress," says Mr. Searles. "They have not earned enough during the year to meet the plainest kind of living expenses. There is actual starvation in the New River field of West Virginia, where the miners have been out of employment practically all of this year."

"Miners' children in Alabama have neither clothing nor shoes. Conditions are the same in the mountain regions of Tennessee and eastern Kentucky. Several hundred families of coal miners in Tennessee, Texas, and in the West are wholly dependent on charity and whatever the more fortunate coal miners of other places may be able to do for them. Christmas will mean nothing to their children. Next door to Washington hundreds of coal miners' families in the Cumberland and Georges Creek fields of Maryland are destitute."

SLIGHT INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF BY-PRODUCT COKE

November Total Was 1,736,000 Tons, a Gain of Only Five Per Cent.

IS STILL SHORT OF 1920

Output About Four-Fifths of Entire Coke Production; By-Product and Beehive Combined About Half of the Monthly Average of Both Last Year.

The output of by-product coke in November showed a slight increase, but was still 21 per cent short of the 1920 average, says the United States Geological Survey in its monthly report. The total production for the month was approximately 1,736,000 tons, as against 1,734,000 tons in October. The average production per day in November was 59,000 tons, an increase of five per cent over the daily rate for the preceding month. The percentage of capacity in operation during the month averaged 50 per cent, as against 48 per cent when the demand for coke is most active. Fifty-eight plants reported production, and 13 plants were idle throughout the month.

These figures of by-product coke output are based upon reports from 69 of the 71 plants now in existence, and include an estimate for the two plants not reporting.

It is interesting to compare the present rate of production from by-product ovens with that from beehive ovens. Whereas as late as 1915 beehive ovens continued to furnish more than half of the country's supply of coke, at present they contribute scarcely a fifth of the output of all coke. The total reported from beehive ovens in November was 477,000 tons, as against 416,000 in the preceding month. The total production of both kinds of coke was 2,243,000 tons, or roughly, half of the monthly average in 1920.

The monthly average of by-product output during the past four years and the past four months of the present year is shown in the following:

Year	By-product	Beehive	Total
1917	1,670,000	2,740,000	4,410,000
1918	1,690,000	2,740,000	4,430,000
1919	1,690,000	2,740,000	4,430,000
1920	2,660,000	1,734,000	4,394,000
August, 1921	1,670,000	2,740,000	4,410,000
September, 1921	1,670,000	2,740,000	4,410,000
October, 1921	1,734,000	416,000	2,150,000
November, 1921	1,736,000	477,000	2,213,000

To manufacture the coke produced in the estimated 2,289,000 tons of coke was consumed, of which 2,537,000 tons was used in by-product ovens, and 752,000 tons in beehive ovens. It will be seen that the coke industry now requires about 3,000,000 tons a month less than in 1920, a fact which explains in part the present subnormal demand for coke.

The monthly average of coal consumed during the past four years and the past four months of the present year has been as follows, based on an assumed yield of 69.5 per cent of the coal charged in by-product and 64.4 per cent in beehive ovens:

Year	By-product	Beehive	Total
1917	2,625,000	4,231,000	6,856,000
1918	2,625,000	4,231,000	6,856,000
1919	2,625,000	4,231,000	6,856,000
1920	3,083,000	2,222,000	5,305,000
August, 1921	2,615,000	391,000	3,006,000
September, 1921	2,615,000	391,000	3,006,000
October, 1921	2,615,000	391,000	3,006,000
November, 1921	2,615,000	391,000	3,006,000

COKE PRODUCTION

In Connellsville and Lower Connellsville Districts Compared With 1920.

The estimated production of coke in net tons in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts, by weeks, with the total compared with the corresponding week of 1920, is shown in the following:

Week	Merch.	Purn.	Total	1920
Jan. 1	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Jan. 8	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Jan. 15	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Jan. 22	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Jan. 29	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Feb. 5	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Feb. 12	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Feb. 19	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Feb. 26	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Mar. 5	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Mar. 12	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Mar. 19	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Mar. 26	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Apr. 2	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Apr. 9	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Apr. 16	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Apr. 23	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Apr. 30	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
May 7	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
May 14	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
May 21	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
May 28	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
June 4	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
June 11	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
June 18	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
June 25	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
July 2	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
July 9	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
July 16	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
July 23	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
July 30	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Aug. 6	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Aug. 13	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Aug. 20	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Aug. 27	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Sept. 3	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Sept. 10	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Sept. 17	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Sept. 24	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Oct. 1	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Oct. 8	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Oct. 15	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Oct. 22	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Oct. 29	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Nov. 5	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Nov. 12	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Nov. 19	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Nov. 26	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Dec. 3	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Dec. 10	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Dec. 17	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512
Dec. 24	11,512	11,512	23,024	11,512

WHAT ONE DOLLAR

Would Do in Transportation Before and After the War.

Before the war one dollar would transport one ton of freight a mile over four miles by horse and wagon, 20 miles by English steam track, 120 miles by rail in the United States on an average basis, 200 miles by rail in the United States on a selected group of carriers, 500 miles on European canals, 1,500 miles by lake at the average rate through the St. Lawrence canal, and 3,000 miles at the average rate at which coal was carried, promptly on the Great Lakes, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers.

Many Safety Lamps Tested.

In connection with the preparation of a bulletin on flame safety lamps, there have been collected at the Pittsburgh experiment station of the Bureau of Mines about 115 flame safety lamps representing about 80 different patterns.

Production and Output.

Recovery Follows Slump Production; Furnace and Merchant Ovens Share it

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

There was a report in the production, particularly at the most important plants, during the week of December 17, following by a slump the following week. Last week there was a recovery in which both furnace and merchant plants shared. The former by an increase of 9,000 tons and the latter 2,500 tons of a total of 11,500 tons. These gains brought the regional average up to 57,500 tons, the highest since the week ending February 12.

As the general impression with the seasonal business is evident to the Hottel and the merchant, a new forecast which is being made to look down upon the production of coke. The general impression of the coke trade is that the coke market is not as good as it was a few months ago. The coke market is not as good as it was a few months ago. The coke market is not as good as it was a few months ago.

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Greater Gain of 6,000
Tons Out of 8,920.

REMOVAL OF WAR TAX

BUREAU OF MINES IMPROVES METHODS OF WASHING COAL

Minimizes Losses and Reduces
Sulphur, Ash and Other
Impurities.

IMPROVES COKING VALUE

An investigation of bituminous coal washing practice in the Middle West is being conducted by the United States Bureau of Mines. The object of the work is to conserve coal resources by minimizing coal losses and to increase the utilization of Middle Western coals for coking and other purposes by reducing the sulphur and ash content. A number of coals have been examined in the field and at the laboratory in order to determine the practicability of washing them. Coals from Clay county, Ind. and from Colombian county, Ohio have been washed successfully. Particular attention has been paid to the cleaning of coal on concentrating tables and to a determination of the factors that affect the washability of coal.

For the purpose of aiding the industry in selecting the most suitable washing methods to be used in the examination of a coal to determine the general type of washing required.

As bearing on the difficult problem of the treatment of fine coal a problem confronting many washers—operators—a comprehensive series of tests on the determination of washed coal residue with vacuum filter has been completed and will be published.

As about one-fourth of the bituminous coal produced in the United States is used in industry, the waste of unburned coal is a serious loss. The waste of unburned coal is a serious loss. The waste of unburned coal is a serious loss. The waste of unburned coal is a serious loss.

The investigation of the occurrence and distribution of the forms of sulphur in coal is being continued. This work is considered essential because of the depletion of reserves of low sulphur coal and it is being conducted with the object of rendering high sulphur coals more suitable for metallurgical uses. Sulphur reduction is obtainable by clearing a coal deposit entirely on the physical and chemical forms of the sulphur in the coal. Sulphur occurring in organic combination with the coal substance and dissolved in the coal water can not be removed by washing. Methods have been developed for determining the free sulphur in coal.

A study of the coal washing problem in the state of Washington is being conducted by the Bureau of Mines. A special study of similar problems in the state of Oregon has been made.

Representative samples of run-of-mine coal from a number of mines were tested by screening the float and sink material and laboratory washing equipment to determine the distribution of ash impurities from the clear coal by washing and the degree to which the quality of the coal may be improved. At the same time samples of all washer products were tested by the float and sink method to determine the effectiveness of the washers as conserving and possible improvement of their effectiveness. By the float and sink method of control Mary's supplementary laboratory tests were made with an experimental plant and coal washing table to determine the possibility of improving the quality of the washed coal and decreasing the loss of good coal in the washer.

Reference by the use of improved coal washing method and equipment. The principal results of the tests show: (1) The raw coal as it comes to the surface contains much more ash than is necessary and must be removed before the coal is marketed. (2) The present washers are inefficient in the washed coal containing avoidable impurities and the residue contains an excessive proportion of good coal. Proper adjustment of the washers will improve the quality of the washed coal but at the same time reduce the loss of good coal in the residue. (3) By rearranging respect float screens and replacing many old machines now in use with improved coal washing equipment the practice at each plant could be greatly improved.

Since the completion of these studies two coal companies have re-modelled their plants and another company has started work on a new plant to replace the present one. Based on results of experiments by the Bureau of Mines, one mine is building a table washing plant to treat a pile of refuse amounting to more than 1,000,000 on estimated coal content of approximately 100,000 tons of refuse.

Two papers are being prepared for publication by the Bureau of Mines one on the subject of Specific Gravity and another on the subject of the effect of the size of the coal on the results of the washability tests.

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Intimidation in Picketing During Strikes Unlawful

(Can Be Properly Enjoined, Says United States Supreme Court in Decision by Chief Justice Taft.)

In the final disposition of the action of the American Steel Foundries of Granite City, Ill. against the Tri-City Trades Council to enjoin members of the latter from picketing during a strike the United States Supreme Court has decided that when picketing becomes intimidation of persons who desire to work it is unlawful and may be properly enjoined, as such.

The opinion of the court was delivered by Chief Justice Taft who said in part:

In going to and from work men have a right to pass a passage without obstruction as the streets are a public highway. The right of others to enjoy the same privilege. We are a social people and the enjoyment of one by another in an unobstructed way and as often by the one to communicate and discuss information with a view to influencing the other, is a right not regarded as aggression or a violation of the other's rights. If however the offer is declined as it may, it might be then opportunity and dogging become unjustifiable annoyance and obstruction which is likely soon to savor of intimidation. The nearer this is to the place of business the greater the interference with the business, and especially with the property right of access of the employer.

In the present case under the conditions which the evidence discloses, all information tendered all arguments advanced and all persuasions used were intimidation—they could not be otherwise. It is idle to say of peaceful communication in such a place and under such conditions. The numbers of the pickets to the groups, constituted intimidation. The name picks indicated a militant purpose inconsistent with peaceful persuasion. The employees were made to run the gauntlet.

Our conclusion is that picketing has instituted is unlawful and can not be peaceable and may be properly enjoined by the specific term of picketing because its meaning is clearly understood in the sphere of the controversy by those who are parties to it.

We think that the strikers and their sympathizers should be limited to one representative for each point of ingress and egress in the plant or place of business and that all others be enjoined from congregating or loitering at the plant or in the neighboring streets by which access is had to the plant that such representative should have the right of observation with special attention to their common action. In all cases pickets should not be abusive, threatening and that they shall not approach individuals together but singly.

This is not laid down as a rigid rule but only as one which should apply to this case under the circumstances, disclosed by the evidence and which may be varied in other cases.

RAIL MAGNATES MUST DROP FEW DIRECTORATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—With an Rockefeller, Ha old Vanderbilts, and George F. Baker will have to give up by December 31 certain places they now hold on boards of directors of railroad corporations under a ruling today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Rockefeller may be an officer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad but must drop out of either the New York Central board or the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western board.

Mr. Vanderbilt may hold positions as officer of two western railroads, the Chicago & North Western and the Chicago & Northwestern but must retire either from the New York Central or the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

Mr. Baker must choose between which of three competing railroad systems he desires to remain associated.

Mr. Vanderbilts may hold positions as officer of the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and of Lehigh Valley. Chauncey DePew was given permission to retain his place as director of 19 different corporations while A. H. Smith of the New York Central was permitted to hold place as director or officer of 66 transportation corporations. Regina D. Vanderbilt may hold 73 directorates.

NEW PUBLICATION

Relating to Resources of Nicolas Co. Issued by W. Va. Survey

There has just been issued from the press a new publication by the West Virginia Geological Survey. Morgan Owen W. Va. District Report on Nicolas County. 1. David B. Page, 1921. 81 pages. 20 pages of illustrations. 1. After the survey of the county was completed and the results of the survey were published in the form of a report, the results of the survey were published in the form of a report.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 17, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
MERCHANT OVENS			
15	Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
16	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
17	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
18	Conrad	Conrad Coke Co	Conrad
19	Fillen	Fillen Coke Co	Uniontown
20	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey Inc	New York
21	Franklin	Franklin Coke Co	Connellsville
22	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
23	Grace	Grace Coke Co	Connellsville
24	Holmes	Holmes Coke Co	Connellsville
25	Humphreys	Humphreys Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
26	Marshall	Marshall Coke Co	Connellsville
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The mathematician was much puzzled till one day as he was stepping into his bath he observed the water running over and it occurred to him that the excess bulk occasioned by the introduction of an alloy could be measured by putting the crown in one tall vessel and an equal weight of gold in another and noting the difference in overflow. He was so overcome by the idea that he rushed home without his clothes, shouting:

Who was the king and of what country?

Who was the Mathematician and what did he do?

See the answer next week

Talk of Rate Cut Harmful Roads Claim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Constant agitation of the railroad rate subject has had a harmful effect on business in general and a tendency to retard traffic. T. C. Powell, vice president of the Interstate Commerce Commission, said today in a speech before the National Association of Manufacturers that the commission has no objection to a reduction in rates, but that it is essential that the rates be reduced in a way that will not be harmful to the business of the country.

Coal Operator Found Dead With Rope About Neck

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Dec. 19.—David P. Firsig, 40 years old, one of the leading coal operators in eastern Ohio, was found dead today in his home here. He was found by his wife, who was hanging by a rope in the cellar of the home.

Dependence over ill health is believed to have prompted him to commit the act.

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S. Casparis, Founder Stone Company Bearing Name, and Veteran of Sedan, Is Dead

A telegram received Tuesday night at the office of the Casparis Stone company, which has an operation along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad between Connellsville and Indian Creek, announced the death at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Columbus, O., of S. Casparis founder of the Casparis Stone company and until a few years ago its active head. The message was received by S. B. Seitz, superintendent of the local plant.

Mr. Casparis, who was 74 years old, had been ill for six weeks with arterio sclerosis and kindred ailments. He had been a visitor to Connellsville two to three times a year, for the purpose of inspecting the operation at Casparis. His last visit was in July. He always made it a point to visit Attorney J. Kirk Renner, close friend and counsel for the company in this section, being entertained on his visits at the home of Mr. Renner.

Saville Casparis, was of French-Swiss birth and fought with the French in the Franco-Prussian war, being at the battle of Sedan. He came to the United States in the

eighties and engaged in contracting. One of his contracts was cleaning away the wreckage from the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the vicinity of Johnstown following the flood of May 31, 1889. Later he engaged in stone quarrying, forming the company which bore his name and which operates 26 quarries in the United States. He did much of the masonry work at the Union Pennsylvania station in Pittsburgh.

Owing to advancing age Mr. Casparis retired a few years ago from the management of the company of which W. O. Taylor of Columbus is now president. He leaves two sons, W. R. Casparis, eastern manager of the stone company, and K. E. Casparis, manager of the McKinley Placer Mining company in Alaska, and a daughter, Ruth. The daughter played a distinguished part in the World War, having charge of the operation of motor trucks between the base of supply and the front. His wife also survives.

Mr. Casparis was rated as a millionaire.

RATE CUTS BY CARRIERS NOT JUSTIFIED NOW

B. & O. Official Intimates Reduction in Near Future, However.

EARNINGS STILL SHORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Though basic elements, which influence transportation costs are declining, financial results from the operation of railroads in the United States do not justify immediate reductions in freight or passenger rates but may do so "in the not distant future," George M. Shriver, vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad declared today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Shriver, as chairman of the accounting committee of railway executives, made the first statistical presentation of evidence in the commission's investigation to determine the reasonableness of all transportation charges, which went into its second day before a large audience.

Mr. Shriver, in the exhaustive calculations, concluded that Class 1 railroads of the United States for the 12 months ending September 30, 1921, secured net incomes of \$54,400,582, which he said was but 2.75 per cent of property investment or less than half of the six per cent contemplated by the transportation act as reasonable earnings. He estimated that if the traffic in 1921 were to be again carried during the next 12 months with lower costs and such decreases in rates as have been made since 1920, in effect, the estimated net operating income would be 5.40 per cent, or less than what he considered a fair return.

Cripples Being Aided by State Number 1,639

One-half of Pennsylvania's industrial cripples who are being aided in learning new occupations to enable them to support themselves are more than 30 years old. Of a total of 1,639 registrants with the bureau of habilitation, 304 are more than 50 years old; 301 are between 40 and 50 years, and 332 are between 30 and 40 years.

Of these 987 whose ages range from 30 years to on past 60, the bureau has helped 380 back to employment, 95 of whom have passed the half century mark in life. From January 1, 1920, to December 1, this year, the bureau has assisted 708 men and 10 women, only 107 of whom have been less than 21 years old. Two hundred and twenty-two are between 21 and 30 and the rest older.

Two-fifths of the entire number of registrants have been assisted and are back to work again, after what appeared to be hopeless incapacity through the loss of limbs or physical disability of some other form. The bureau has offered its services to 2,185 persons, but the names of 563 were stricken from the list, because they either could not be located or when located were found not to need the state's assistance.

Persons physically disabled in the industries of the state have been registered from every county except Fulton and Wayne, although Forest, Monroe, Pike, Tioga and Wyoming have only one each, and Adams and Juniata have only two each.

Philadelphia leads with 367, Allegheny is second with 263, Fayette county has 60; Westmoreland, 50; Washington, 55; Somerset, 27; Greene, seven; Cambria, 33; Indiana, 34.

"THE STORY OF COAL"
Film Prepared and Exhibited in This Country Has Reached India.
The film, "The Story of Coal," prepared under a cooperative agreement between the Bureau of Mines and the National Coal Association, is being given widespread exhibition in India.

LAKE ERIE MEN RECEIVE NOTICE OF CUT IN WAGES

Proposed Reductions Range From Four Cents to 20 Cents an Hour.

CONFERENCES IN JANUARY

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 19.—A general circular was issued from General Manager J. B. Yoche's office December 16 announcing a proposed general reduction in wages of all classes of employees in all departments on the Erie and Lake Erie railroad. The circular further states that it is the desire of the management to have a conference with persons duly designated and authorized to represent the employees for the purpose of reaching an agreement with respect to the proposed wage reduction. Conferences will be held in the office of the assistant general manager, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie terminal building, Pittsburgh, at 9 o'clock Tuesday, January 27, for this purpose.

The proposed reductions run from four cents to 20 cents per hour. Telegraphers, telephone operators and agents were let down easy, with a proposed reduction of four cents per hour, while that for the carmen is 20 cents an hour. Other proposed reductions are:

Clerks, seven cents per hour; foremen, assistant foremen, track and maintenance foremen, five cents; machinists and boiler-makers, five cents. In passenger service cuts would be: Engineers, firemen and helpers, 32 cents a day; in freight service, engineers, firemen and helpers, 40 cents a day; in yard service, engineers, firemen and helpers, 30 cents an hour; hostlers, 10 cents an hour.

Passenger service—conductors, assistant conductors, ticket collectors, brakemen, flagmen and baggage men would be cut 40 cents a day; freight service, conductors, brakemen and flagmen, 40 cents per day. The cut for track laborers would be 10 cents an hour; train dispatchers, 10 cents an hour.

In the signal department the new rates proposed are from 42 to 67 cents per hour.

B. & O. Had Lowest W. M. Highest Cost Of Coal in October

The report of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission, showing the quantities of fuel consumed by them and the total cost and the average cost per ton during the month of October, have been tabulated by the commission.

The roads in the eastern district consumed 3,735,902 net tons, costing \$23,828,170, or an average of \$5.72 per ton. In the western district the consumption was 3,202,114 tons and average cost \$2.88. In the southern district consumption was 1,512,487 tons; average cost, \$2.42.

The Baltimore & Ohio consumed 404,303 tons, costing \$1,134,509; average cost, \$2.81. The Pennsylvania lines east consumed 933,923 tons; average cost, \$2.85. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie consumed 18,448 tons, costing \$55,832, or an average of \$2.85 per ton, some of the Pennsylvania. The cost to the Western Maryland serving the highest of the four roads serving the Connellsville region. The 37,847 tons used cost \$129,430, or an average of \$3.42 per ton.

W. M.'S INCOME FOR 1920

Gross Was \$17,210,784; Operating Expenses \$16,563,174; Net Income \$647,610.

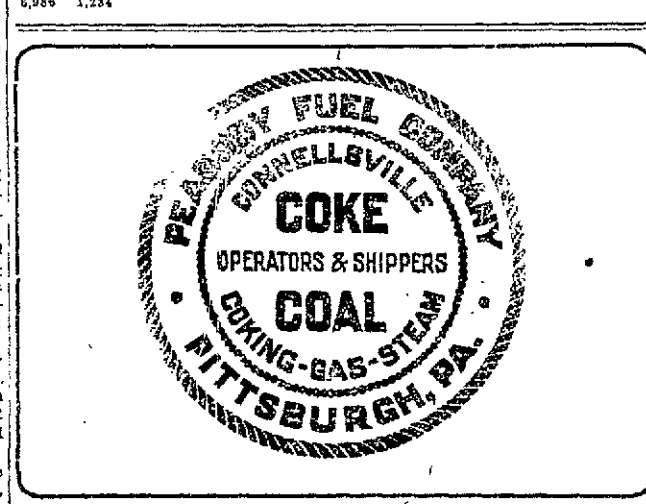
A statement of the income of the Western Maryland Railroad company during 1920 shows that the gross revenue for that year were \$17,210,784, operating expenses, \$16,563,174 and taxes \$136,144, leaving a deficit of \$88,784.

But government compensation for the first two months of the year, including adjustments for the preceding two years was \$110,332,854 and other income, including part payment of claim due under the transportation act, was \$2,229,892, which together made the total income \$3,274,462. Deducting interest and rentals left a net income of \$77,564, the surplus for the year being finally \$57,735.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 17, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
SMELTHER OVEN			
40	Adair	W. J. Riney, Inc.	Greenburg
282	Adair No. 1	W. J. Riney, Inc.	New York
280	Adair No. 2	W. J. Riney, Inc.	New York
210	American 1	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
210	American 2	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
40	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Co.	Uniontown
20	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
20	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	Champion	Champion C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
267	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
210	Crystal	Crystal Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
214	Dento	Rollins Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
238	Dento	Rollins Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	Donald 3	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
190	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
132	Elleanor	Stern Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
82	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
113	Garwood	Aetna-Civilis Coke Co.	Uniontown
113	Genuine	Genuine C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
58	Griffin No. 1	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
126	Griffin No. 2	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	Harbert	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	Hill Top	F. Cennaultville Coke Co.	Connellsville
134	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClintocktown
190	Hoover	James H. Hoover	Uniontown
135	Hustad	Hustad-Sumans C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
250	Isabella	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
140	Katona	Edison Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Helen
30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
34	Liberty	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Smithfield
210	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
40	Little Gem	The Blister Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
220	Low Thos	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	Luxerne	Luxerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
4	Marion	Southern C'ville Coke Co.	Connellsville
200	Mt. Hope	Unowned Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	Old Home	W. J. Parrish	Uniontown
205	Puritan 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
20	Puritan No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	Puritan No. 3	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
78	Puritan No. 4	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
200	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Quincy
215	Royal	W. J. Riney, Inc.	New York
45	Russell	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & C. Co.	Smithfield
25	Sapper	Edison Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
378	Seagriff	Taylor Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
260	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
610	Sterling	Consolidated Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	Stirling	McClintocktown C. & C. Co.	McClintocktown
400	Thompson 1	Thompson C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Thompson 2	Thompson C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
208	Tower Hill 1	Eastern Coke Co.	Pittsburg
274	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	Virgin	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
70	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
36	Yukon	Whitel Coke Co.	Uniontown

10,033	2,081	FURNACE OVENS	
400	Allica	Pittsburg Steel Co.	Allica, Pa. Co.
100	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
425	Burkholder	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
146	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
146	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
146	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	Edenboro	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
400	Footdale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
132	Genova	McClintocktown C. & C. Co.	McClintocktown
202	Genova	McClintocktown C. & C. Co.	McClintocktown
461	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
818	Leokrona	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	Longview	Longview Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Orient	American Coke Corporation	Uniontown
400	Republie	Republie Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
150	Republie	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Thompson 1	Redstone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg



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Pennsylvania R. R. "Readjusts" Rates on Newspapers in Bundles By an Advance of 100 Per Cent

One of the methods by which the Pennsylvania railroad is "readjusting" freight rates to peace time conditions is illustrated by the notice given newspaper publishers of the intention to "revise its rates for transporting newspapers in baggage cars," effective on January 1, 1922. The "revision" merely consists in advancing the rate 100 per cent—from 39 cents to 60 cents per 100 pounds, on lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie.

With disinterested concern in the welfare of the publishers the company very graciously advises them of the pending changes some time in advance of their effective date, believing that the reasonableness of our action will be appreciated when the facts are understood. The "fact" is thus relayed in the notice of advance:

"For many years the rates for carrying newspapers on the Pennsylvania railroad have been extremely low, much lower in fact than the nature and quality of the service warranted. Our oldest records show our original rate, east of Pittsburgh, to have been 50 cents per 100 pounds. About a generation ago this was reduced to 25 cents per 100 pounds. The latter rate was allowed to remain in effect, down to recent years, chiefly through reluctance to disturb a long established condition, although it was clearly

recognized as being neither adequate nor remunerative. Under federal control, in connection with the 20 per cent increase in passenger fares, the rate was raised to 39 cents. Since that time there have been no further changes."

Strangely enough equal reluctance is shown in giving publishers any advantage of the reduction in wages of employees, effective July 1 last. Neither is there held out that there will be an adjustment after further reductions already applied for, have become effective.

U. S. STEEL EMPLOYEES

Own Stock Having Market Value of \$114,000,000.
Since the employees' profit-sharing plan of the United States Steel Corporation became operative employees have subscribed for 932,946 shares of common and 351,111 shares of preferred.
At present prices the preferred stock held by employees has a valuation of approximately \$40,000,000, and the common stock \$75,000,000, a total of \$115,000,000. Cost to employees was \$125,000,000.

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Definition of a
Strike and When It
Ends to Be Settled

CLAIRTON PLANT

Such questions as what constitutes a strike and when does it terminate will be referred by the State Industrial Board to an industrial relations committee, which is to be shortly provided by that branch of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Commissioner C. B. Connolly, in announcing the plan at the conclusion of the board meeting said the committee would be representative of employers, employees and members of the state-wide organizations directly interested in industrial affairs. To it will be referred several questions which have been before the board, such as strike definitions, seasonal employment and various safety matters.

Pennsylvania's Army of Workers.
According to census returns 3,436,363 persons 10 years of age and over in Pennsylvania were engaged in gainful occupations in 1920, constituting 39.3 per cent of the total population.

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WISER LIBERTY BOND HOLDERS.

Owners of Liberty bonds who 10 or more months ago were tempted to dispose of them before the market value dropped to still lower levels, can congratulate themselves for having been wise and courageous enough to resist the temptation.

Beginning early last March there has been a slow but steady appreciation in the price of all the various securities of the government until today it is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000,000 has been added to the "market value."

Nine months ago the average selling price of the several bond issues was about 85 and of Victory notes 87. Today Liberty bonds are selling at a figure within approximately three points of par, or about 97. In the last few days 97 or better was paid for Liberty bonds of all issues.

Two issues may go above par, it is predicted, while the Victory notes maturing within a few months are regarded as certain to sell at a premium.

Unfortunately the vast increment in value will not be shared by all of the 23,000,000 men and women who in 1917-18 responded to the government's appeal for funds with which to carry on the war. Many have been forced by their necessities to convert their bonds into cash and in practically all instances at considerably less than par, thereby causing an actual loss on the original investment.

Other bond holders have been duped into exchanging them for the stocks and bonds of wild-cat corporations of all kinds promising a larger interest return, only to later discover that they had been swindled by unscrupulous promoters. Still others took flight at the decline in market prices which continued for a long period and sold at the first opportunity and at a loss.

Those who have retained possession of these securities, in many instances bought at some inconvenience or sacrifice, will soon have their faith in the ultimate value of their investment amply rewarded. They will not only receive interest until maturity with the regularity of the recurring seasons, regardless of market price, but within a comparatively short time every Liberty bond or Victory note will be worth its full face value and, in due course, will command a premium.

In these respects the history of the Liberty bond and Victory note issues is following that of all previous government securities. For some time immediately after issue they drop below par, but by degrees they return to the starting point and later command a premium. All of which confirms the advice given to investors that government securities are the safest that can be purchased. The buyers who are holding on, therefore, are giving a striking demonstration of the soundness of this advice.

FARM PRODUCTS SHOW.

The success of the Farm Products Show is one of the fruits of the work done by the Fayette County Farm Bureau.

Through its intelligent and well directed activities the interest of farmers has been stimulated to make improvements in everything that pertains to their occupation. Realizing that the best results in stock raising and crop growing are to be obtained only through the application of the most approved methods, the farmers who by their achievements in such applications are entitled to be called leaders in their respective communities, have found the annual display of products a helpful and profitable aid.

The annual exhibition of products at the show shows what the prize winners have been able to accomplish through careful attention to the various phases in the selection of seed and cultivation as taught and demonstrated under actual field conditions by the Farm Bureau. The progressive farmers have been quick to take advantage of the information thus placed at their disposal and have profited proportionately.

As an instrumentality for encouraging a still larger number of farmers to take step with those who are keeping abreast of all improvements in agriculture in its varied branches the farm show is doing a splendid work. In providing an opportunity for farmers to come together to hear experts give clear explanations of some phase of modern farm methods, these shows are augmenting the regular work of the Farm Bureau and the community farm clubs. They are thus giving farmers who attend these gatherings advantages which are certain to accrue to their benefit both as citizens and tillers of the soil.

Christmas buyers who have been reading the advertising columns of The Courier have had no worries or troubles in their Christmas preparations.

There are indications that a conference may have been convened to place limitations on the raising of super-barkers by the residents of Sunnyside.

NO IMMEDIATE REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES.

The need for a reduction in freight rates on coal and coke as well as all other commodities, is so urgent, and the demand for relief has been so insistent and general, and the discussion of the matter has occupied so much attention, that the belief is held in many quarters that a readjustment is to be expected at almost any time. The effect of this expectation has been to hold back the placing of orders in many lines but possibly to the greatest extent in coal and coke.

Furnaces, perhaps more persistent than any other interest in the belief that freight rate reductions are the matter of but a short time, have been influenced to abandon what has heretofore been an annual custom. As winter has approached furnaces have ordinarily taken steps to accumulate stocks of coke as a precaution against interruptions to traffic movement incident to the season. But this year they have steadfastly refused to make such preparations, apparently being convinced that freight rates will be revised in time to give them the advantages of reduced costs of coke at delivery points when they are really in need of more coke than is now going forward. Even making provisions against a possible slump in production as the result of a protracted observance of Christmas has not seemed to consumers to be necessary or desirable, at least very little effort has been made in that direction.

Among many coal consumers the same attitude has been assumed. They decline to stock up above immediate needs in the expectation that lower freight rates will become effective very shortly. The effect has been to very materially retard the production of both coal and coke and to leave consumers with very light stocks on hand.

Realizing that this will be possible for a time, a reduction in freight rates through the procedure involved by the Interstate Commerce Commission under two months or more, and also realizing the extent to which the interests of fuel consumers are being endangered by paying attention to the rumors of imminent freight rate reductions, the National Coal Association has issued a warning to the effect that "no freight reduction on coal shipments in the United States can be expected before next April."

Even if reductions are ordered at least 20 days' notice will be given of the effective date of the reduced rates. Until that is done fuel consumers can derive no possible benefit by withholding orders but they may suffer some inconvenience that will overbalance any gain that would be realized by waiting for a new rate schedule before buying coal or coke. Moreover, a holding back will tend to make still more prolonged the revival in industry and business which now seems to be awaiting a united and courageous forward step by those interests which can start the wheels turning around.

SCHOOL PATRONS AND TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

It is regrettable that so few people outside of the ranks of teachers and school officials take sufficient interest in the institutes and similar gatherings to be in attendance at least a part of the sessions. True, the consideration of purely professional topics relating to methods of teaching and the like, make strongest appeal to teachers, but there is in the program of every teachers' institute much that would be of benefit to school patrons. The atmosphere of these gatherings, and the opportunity to keep in closer touch with the latest advances and improvements in educational lines, have a tendency to arouse a more active interest in the great work being done in training those who will be the leaders as well as the common workaday citizens of tomorrow.

Few if any classes of workers give more attention to better fitting themselves for the discharge of their duties than teachers. During the winter months the local or district institutes bring to them the advantages gained from hearing experts in the various phases of educational work. During the vacation months many teachers avail themselves of a course at one of the well established and capably conducted summer schools for teachers. By these and other means the wide awake, conscientious members of the profession are constantly striving to increase their efficiency, and all to the end that they may better perform their duties as instructors, guides and friends of our youth.

The average school patron does not appreciate as fully as he or she should just what this means to our schools, or how much it is contributing to making them better to serve the purpose of educating and training our children. If attendance at the institutes were more general on the part of parents, they would obtain a somewhat different point of view on many school problems and develop a much more sympathetic attitude towards those persons who are called upon to solve these problems. It would encourage the teachers and broaden the enlightenment and understanding of school patrons which, in many instances would be a very desirable achievement.

The harmful effects of discussions of freight rate reductions are having on business, which railroad officials lament, can be very easily and effectively counteracted by the railroads themselves. All they need do is to reduce rates without further delay or protest.

The award of a Distinguished Service Medal to one of the many medical officers Connellsville furnished during the war confers a new distinction upon the First City of Fayette, of which all of its residents will feel proud and glad as they congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Edle upon the honor conferred upon him and our city.

For those who are in search of thrilling reading matter the V. M. C. is a destination, to become an attractive one since it has added a file of the Congressional Record to its library equipment.

THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMS CONFERENCE.

The habit of Americans to more or less constantly desire something new to occupy their attention, and the compulsion habit of soon tiring of things present, is going to have a very important relation to the success or failure of the conference for the limitation of armaments.

The calling of the gathering of world statesmen and diplomats now meeting in Washington, was very largely brought about by an almost universal expression of public sentiment which demanded that something definite be done in the direction of stopping the sinful waste of war. When the conference convened and President Harding and a Secretary Hughes thrilled the world with their frank, clear-cut statements of the objects desired to be accomplished, the public gave unanimous and hearty approval.

During the sessions the members of the conference have given evidence of a desire to make possible a realization of the hopes of the people that the conference will take measures that will relieve them of the burdens and frightful cost of war and make it impossible for nations to resort to arms in the settlement of disputes. As the deliberations of the conference have been prolonged, and its progress has been less rapid than many persons thought it should be, there have been indications that there has been a waning of interest in the proceedings and the ultimate attainment of the objects sought.

This is more than unfortunate. It is almost periodic when it is remembered that without sustained public interest in the conference, and adherence to the demand that concrete things be done in the interests of permanent world peace. If interest of the public begins to lag, there is the danger that the delegates comprising the conference will forget some of the idealism which they carry and so disinterestedly proclaimed and will allow themselves to be more or less influenced by the more sordid motives of national or political advantage.

"For these reasons," says an appeal issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, "it is especially necessary that the common people of the world continue to take an interest in the conference and its actions. If they let up, the croakers and pessimists and militarists may cause the conference to fail in its important task."

The conference should not fail in any particular. It will not if the people are unrelenting and persistent in their demand that the full objects of the gathering be accomplished.

Emmett's Epitaph

Harrisburg Telegraph.

Who will write Robert Emmet's epitaph, is a question that doubtless is in the minds of many a loyal Irishman in these days, with Ireland on the threshold of a new day in her relations with the world. As he stood on the dock, within sight of the gallows, when he was to die, the great Irish patriot in 1803 delivered his famous speech ending with a peroration that became a rallying cry for Irish Nationalists since his day. "When my people shall take their places among the nations of the earth, then, and not until then, let my epitaph be written."

Robert Emmet's epitaph may soon be written. Under the treaty which now awaits ratification by the Dublin Convention and the British Parliament, Ireland becomes practically an autonomous nation, a "free state," with a government modeled upon the dominion systems of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, so liberal in its provisions, and so grounded in the fundamentals of legislative independence that it may well claim to be assumed at least "the place among the nations of the earth."

While the struggle for Irish independence dates back into the dim distance of seven centuries of history, the real modern movement for legislative autonomy, or "home rule," began with Jean Swift, who may be called Ireland's first Sinn Feiner, two hundred years ago. The keynote that Swift sounded in 1771 was the first definite formulation of a policy of home rule for Ireland whose echoes have inspired Irish leaders to the present day. He asserted the legislative independence of Ireland and the utility of all measures that had not received the sanction of Ireland's own Parliament. He avowed his entire adherence to the Empire, but declared that he owed his allegiance to the King, not as the King of England, but as the King of Ireland.

And it is on this basis that the "Irish Free State" has come into being. Strange that it should have taken so long on the way; strange that in the end the stage platform of Irish freedom should have been adopted.

In song and story the sacrifice of Emmet has been on the lips of Irish-loving men for years, and now his epitaph may be written. But while this is being done, let not Ireland forget Dean Swift.

While the Christmas spirit pervades all the stores and the crowds that gather in them remember this is something that you cannot buy. It comes from the store of the heart and the more you display it the bigger the stock you will have to dispose.

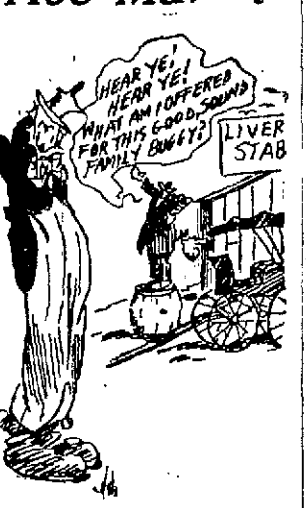
Latest reports indicate that in most households the seasonal dismantling of father is making rapid progress.

Except that heard in the sanctums of Democratic newspapers the rapping about Pap is about over.

If the present rate of progress at the arms conference continues the delegates may be able to get out of the outreach of Washington hotel keepers before Christmas.

The open-top, flopping golfshoes may be a joy to the wearers but they fail by all the rules to be classed as a thing of beauty.

Abe Martin



Our Commercial Club met last night to take steps to have a dinner for a beautiful new kitchen architecture built here.

"Oh, I never know when I'll be at home," said Mrs. Tilden End. "I've sent out a beautiful fur wrap on approval."

There's been a lot of wonderful things brought about by the stroke of a pen, but Secretary Hughes has broken all records with one stroke of his white hand.

Tilden Moots got a postal card from an old friend, today, saying: "I've glad to hear you're still unimpaired."

While sitting out of the purgatory today the Lark met his long lost sister.

Most over girl has all the details of her wedding mapped out except who she's going to marry.

Worse things than Henry Bend, Henry Bend cut Harry, Ark. Herald. Everything quiet and everybody attending to their own business.

Interested and surprised at her vacation considerably disappointed as she only had one day of "erect weather" while she was in.

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Lieut. Col. E. B. Edie, Chief Surgeon 80th Division, Awarded Distinguished Service Medal

Lieutenant Colonel Elliott B. Edie who attained the highest official rank of any citizen of Conneltsville or Fayette county, who served in the World War has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as division surgeon of the 80th Division.

The honor thus to be conferred upon Colonel Edie comes as the result of a citation by Major General Cronk, his division commander, the 80th Division, who has personal knowledge and appreciation of the character and value of the services rendered by his chief medical officer during the campaigns in which the 80th Division had a very important part. The citation received the recommendation of General Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces and was approved by the board of officers which passed upon all such recommendations before awards were officially authorized by the War Department. The award to Colonel Edie was made by this board on September 23, last.

The full text of the citation upon which the award was based is as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious

and distinguished services as commander of the Sanitary Train and as Division Surgeon of the 80th Division a position of great responsibility.

He maintained suitable dressing stations and provided for the continuous evacuation of the wounded in an exceptionally efficient manner under conditions of a most constant fire. Colonel Edie volunteered his services in the medical department very shortly after the United States declared war on Germany. After his period of training camp instruction he was assigned to the 80th Division with the rank of captain. Having early exhibited capabilities for leadership and administration he was promoted to a majorship and placed in command of the Sanitary Train of the division. He went overseas in this capacity and later was made chief medical officer of the division with the rank of lieutenant colonel serving as such throughout the tour of duty in France.

After his return to the United States he was on duty at various army camps and stations for some time. Upon his honorable discharge from the service he resumed his practice in Conneltsville.

ROLL CALL FUND IN FAYETTE CO. TOTALS \$18,127

Amount Is 25 Per Cent Above
That Reported for
Last Year.

MEMBERS NUMBER 15,000

A report of the Fifth Reg. Cross Roll Call has just been issued by the Fayette county chapter which shows a total of \$18,127 collected, a 25 per cent increase over last year's roll call. In view of the present industrial conditions throughout the county this is considered a remarkable achievement.

Most of the districts throughout the county showed an increase over last year and some few practically doubled last year's enrollment. This is especially true with the Uniontown district where \$7,036.30 was raised as compared with \$3,844.45 last year and the McConnellsville district where an increase of over 30 per cent was shown. Other districts which surpassed last year's enrollment are Brownsville, Conneltsville, Dunbar, Lower German township, Upper and Lower Tyrone townships, Lutz, Redstone township, Smithfield and Wharton township.

Following is a detailed report of the result of the roll call by districts:

Brownsville	\$1,030.17
Conneltsville	\$2,047.77
Dunbar	\$1,237.80
Franklin	\$1,000.00
German	\$650.00
Lutz	\$625.00
McConnellsville	\$7,036.30
Redstone	\$1,250.00
Smithfield	\$1,250.00
Wharton	\$1,250.00
Upper and Lower Tyrone	\$2,212.42
McConnellsville	\$1,386.47
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Perry	\$135.00
Redstone and eastern Lutz	\$680.00
Franklin	\$173.00
Star Junction	\$289.00
Uniontown	\$936.35
Wharton	\$152.50
Total	\$18,127.34

It is impossible to give the exact number of members enrolled owing to the fact that all district chapters have not turned in their membership lists to the chapter. It is estimated, however, the membership will run around 15,000.

A special committee under the chairmanship of J. W. Abraham of Uniontown raised \$2,080.00. This has been apportioned in the various districts where the fund was raised.

Humane Society Investigated Many Cases of Cruelty

The annual report of the Western Pennsylvania Humane society, Pittsburgh, shows that during the past year it handled 10,171 cases of cruelty to animals of various kinds including dogs, cats, birds, and horses.

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Three men are still held in connection with the case, one of whom, Claude Critzer, is said to have admitted that he had a pistol and fired it at random about 500 feet from the place where Morris' body was found.

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Two thousand chickens to be shown at Greensburg.

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The number of birds exhibited at the show will be more than 7,000. It is expected that there will be a large number of farmers at the show with a fine display of farm products.

Booster Pumping Station Serves as Industry Barometer

Here is an unusual industrial barometer. About three weeks ago, owing to the lessened demand for water, the booster pumping station of the Mountain Creek Supply company at Indian Creek was closed down the ordinary flow from the reservoir at Mill Run junction being sufficient. This week pumping was resumed. The water is used largely by the Pennsylvania railroad for engine purposes.

COURTSHIP OF WEEK ENDS IN WEDDING

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 16.—Following a courtship of one week F. R. Musser of Meyersdale and Mrs. Mary Douglas of Mount Clemens, Mich., were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Poonbaugh Thursday evening at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Douglas was a friend of Mrs. Poonbaugh and Thursday of last week she arrived here for a few weeks' visit. The meeting of Mr. Musser and Mrs. Douglas was arranged by Mrs. Poonbaugh and just one week to the hour after the meeting they were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Squire D. A. Flood.

After the ceremony Mrs. Poonbaugh served a dinner to the bride couple and a few guests.

Mrs. Musser will in a few weeks return to Mount Clemens to dispose of her property there and then return here to reside. Mr. Musser is a civil engineer and has been located here for some time.

Eminent Medical Men at Clinic of Fayette Society

The annual clinic of the Fayette County Medical society was held last Thursday afternoon at the Uniontown hospital with eminent members of the medical profession as guests of the county society. The clinic was followed by an elaborate banquet served in the dining room of the Laurel club. More than 100 members of the society and guests attended the clinic and banquet.

Dr. Hugh Young, ranking general surgeon of the United States Army in the World War and head of the Brady Institute of Baltimore and Dr. William Thayer, professor of medicine and successor of Dr. William D. Lawrence, late field president of the Pennsylvania State Medical society, and an honorary member of the Fayette County society, and Dr. J. A. Leitch, both of Pittsburgh.

Physicians who attended the clinic declare that it is a meeting this year is without doubt the most successful and most helpful of any ever held by the society. Dr. Thayer and Dr. Young both served overseas and there were many reminiscences during the addresses and informal talks as former service men in the profession compared notes.

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Mrs. Katonka Puts Murder On Husband

GREENSBURG, Dec. 14.—In a state ment at the county jail yesterday Mrs. Alice Katonka, wife of Steve Katonka, who is in jail charged with the murder of two men on the road between Gettysburg and Harrisburg, N. M., last August placed all the blame on her husband and told of the deed in detail.

The woman said there was a report out about Steve Katonka being insane and declared it untrue. She said he was always brutal and added that if she told it all she was forced to on duty during the six years if he life with him it would not be believed. He gave me my choice of going along with him or having my brains blown out, she said. She declared Steve had placed a revolver in her hand and pressing his muzzle to her head said: When I say now you shoot, and he often said he never would let her know until he saw her shoot and drop at his feet. Then she added: I heard an awful report and saw Gray, said of above himself back in his seat. She said her husband threw the bodies of the men over a nearby bridge.

Telling of the many times her husband abused her she said he often told her he was sorry he hadn't killed her, and he often said he never would let her know until he saw her shoot and drop at his feet. Then she added: I heard an awful report and saw Gray, said of above himself back in his seat. She said her husband threw the bodies of the men over a nearby bridge.

Katonka and Wife On Way to Scene of Crime in New Mexico

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—Two deputy sheriffs from San Juan county, New Mexico, started back to New Mexico last night with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Katonka, who were arrested by state police and a special agent of the department of justice in connection with the murder of Samuel Gray and William Kelly, tax collectors in New Mexico.

The couple was discharged by the federal authorities here yesterday because of lack of jurisdiction and then turned over to the two deputy sheriffs. The arrests followed a letter which the husband is said to have written from Conneltsville to the sheriff of San Juan county, New Mexico, stating it is alleged that he and Gray had been slain by his wife who he feared would kill him if she were not arrested.

West Penn Sues To Recover From Constable Wilson

The West Penn Power company has entered an action in Uniontown against Constable Charles Wilson of Conneltsville to recover \$114.00 on the proceeds of the sale of the stock of the Flood Sullivan Electric company, which it is alleged has been refused to turn over holding it on a \$100.00 wage.

The stock was sold November 10, 1921, for \$95.00 per judgment paid to given by Alderman W. P. Conneltsville. The constable made return of all the amount of the lien.

Pittstown Farmer Butchers Four Hogs, Weigh 1,430 Pounds

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—William Smith butchered four hogs, White Chester and Berkshire that he thinks exceed all records in Upper Tyrone township or elsewhere in Fayette county.

The hogs were eight months and 10 days old and the largest weighed 400 pounds, the second 352, the third 346 pounds and the fourth 332 making a total of 1,430 pounds, no weight.

Mexican War Veteran, Native of Blairsville, Dies in Washington

REPUBLICAN, Wash. 14.—Herman Beggie, 94, a native of Blairsville, Pa., and a veteran of the Mexican War and of the occupation of the state of California is dead here today.

While still a boy he accompanied a band of emigrants to Texas, before the Mexican War. When California was added to the United States, he was with troops which took possession of the state.

Mount Pleasant Boy Bugler on the President's Yacht

Mount Pleasant, Dec. 16.—Word was received here yesterday by Joseph Hartigan of Eagle street that his son (Clinton) Hartigan a bugler at the navy base at Hampton Roads, has been transferred to the Navy.

This is the first time in the history of the town that a local boy has had the honor to be a bugler on the President's yacht.

Don Born to Seafarer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Seary of Greenburg, N. M., are receiving congratulations from the birth of a son, Mrs. Seary was formerly Miss Elsie Donnan.

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Mount Braddock Farmer Raises 3,036 Bushels of Corn in Single Field

Until Three Years Ago Tract
Had Not Been Farmed for
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Special to The Courier.
DUNBAR, Dec. 16.—To raise 3,036 bushels of good corn in a single field is an accomplishment of which the farmer of Mount Braddock is justly proud. He is the owner of the old Mount Braddock farm, a 100 acre tract, which has been in the hands of the late William B. Besson, a former owner of a grazing farm. The entire farm, only a small part of which is under cultivation, comprises about 1,100 acres. The farm is the property of the United Refractor company, the minerals being used by that company.

LOGAN RUSH GIVES CAR OF COAL FOR RELIEF OF NEEDY

Only Persons Unable to Purchase Will Receive It. From of Dawson Avenue.

A case of need getting its relief through the generosity of Logan Rush, a resident of Dawson Avenue, has been solved. He has given a car of coal to the needy. The car of coal has been secured to relieve this condition. The car was composed of Mrs. R. S. McKee, a resident of Dawson Avenue, who was a resident of Dawson Avenue. The car was composed of Mrs. R. S. McKee, a resident of Dawson Avenue, who was a resident of Dawson Avenue.

SCOTTSVILLE MASON'S HOLD ANNUAL FEAST, WITH 175 ATTENDING

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Will Save Million And Half a Month On Express Matter

The U. S. Post Office at Conneltsville, Pa., has been ordered to save a million and a half dollars on express matter. The order was issued by the Post Office Department.

DISPUTES PIG HONORS

Joseph McCee claims a hog should be considered as well as weight. Joseph McCee who started the pig feeding contest at Sunbury last spring which resulted in the raising of a 70 pound pig, which he claims is the winner and not H. D. Barnhart.

McCee says that while Barnhart's hog weighed 69 pounds, his hog weighed 70 pounds. The hog was a 70 pound pig, which he claims is the winner and not H. D. Barnhart.

Fire Destroys Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller at Normalville was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The house was an eight room wooden structure and valued at about \$600. The family saved nothing except the clothing they wore.

Look forward to 1922

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Mother of Missing Father Barry, Former Fayette Man, Seeks Aid to Locate Priest

Living after more than a year to give up all hope of ever hearing of her son Rev. Michael J. Barry, aged 28, who disappeared in 1919, Mrs. Bridget Barry of Uniontown is seeking the aid of newspaper throughout the country in an effort to get news of the missing priest.

Father Barry is well known in Connelville and vicinity having resided at Lisenring with his parents during his boyhood days. He studied for the priesthood at St. Vincent's college, Beatty, and was ordained at that college. Following his ordination he was sent to Mayview as chaplain. It is thought coming in contact with so many demoted persons preyed so up on his mind that he in time became insane.

Father Barry is a brother of Richard Barry, superintendent of the H. C. Truck plant at Snook and of Mrs. W. A. Stogard of McKeesport, formerly of Connelville. His father is also living.

Father Barry was last seen December 7, 1920, when he left his home after a short visit to return to St. Bernard's church, Indiana, where he had been a curate for about two years. He never returned to the church and nothing has been heard of him since. His disappearance was not noted until inquiries were made for him a few days later by Rev. Neil McNeill, pastor of St. Bernard's church. When he failed to appear a search was instituted by his relatives and also by other priests connected with the church and by parishioners of St. Bernard's. Private detectives and municipal police were notified and worked many months on the case but no possible solution of the mystery has been found.

When he left home Father Barry was attired in the customary clerical garb. He had with him between \$200 and \$400 his mother states. Previous to his appointment to St. Bernard's he had served 18 months as chaplain at the Pittsburgh City home. The only luggage he took with him was a small traveling bag.

Porch Roof Is Carried for 300 Yards by Gale

Barely Misses Another House
in Path at Snyder-

OTHER STORM DAMAGE

Porch Pillars at Another Home Swept
Away, Small Buildings Blown Down,
Windows Shattered, Trees Damaged
in Season's Worst Mountain Blast.

A mountain gale broke over Connelville late Saturday night and raged intensely until morning. Houses were rocked and a number of windows were blown in at many places in the city but not much heavy damage had been reported.

The heaviest damage reported was to the home of George Schmidt under construction at Snyder street and Cherry lane, Snyder own. A large porch roof connecting with the main roof of the house was lifted into the air and carried 300 yards away into the yard of H. F. McArthur. In its path it brushed by the home of Mrs. Lydia Snyder clipping the top from an apple tree. Fortunately it missed other buildings and nobody was injured. The damage to the Schmidt home will amount to \$300 it is estimated.

A freak action of the wind was reported at the home of a man named Kiefer at Snyder street. His house was erected during the summer with a large porch, with four support pillars. The wind carried away every pillar allowing the roof of the porch to drop against the house. Trees were damaged, outbuildings overturned and windows broken at several places in Snyder street. Many telephone wires were out of commission today.

At the home of F. Wright in East park a chimney was blown off and a large window broken.

The Boy Scout flagpole on the lawn at the United Brethren church was snapped off. Two windows were broken on at the parsonage and the round window in the tower of the church was shattered.

The reported damage at South Connelville was a chimney blown off on the residence of William Soisson of Second street and the sign board of the Robbins Postage service near the Crescent bridge blown down.

The wind began to blow early in the evening but did not break with its full intensity until about midnight. Some persons living in houses located at points where the gale was not broken were awakened by the force. Vines were blown down and wireless apparatus all over the city was damaged.

Both the Bell and the Tri-State telephone companies suffered from the wind. Repair men had just about completed their work on restoring service on lines broken by the recent snow and much of the work was undone.

The West Penn lighting system was also put out of service. One of the city wires were still in service and the city was accompanied by the wind in the early part of the evening, but it did not last long.

A big tree on the inground next to the Cameron school was blown down. It carried electric wires with it and the short circuit caused set fire to the wood.

Two windows were blown in at the home of Rev. W. Russell, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church. In a previous wind storm, Rev. Russell also had his windows damaged.

At Dawson the chief damage was to telephone and telegraph lines. Small outbuildings were blown over and some windows were reported blown in.

No expected damage was reported at Scottdale or Mount Pleasant.

Warrant for (Continued)
A warrant was issued Saturday by Alderman John W. Derry for the arrest of Andy Guzik on information of the parents of five children wounded when Guzik is alleged to have fired a shot gun into the mid of a crowd of school children near Footdale Thursday afternoon. According to the authorities Guzik is insane.

Mr. Ford Out Again

W. S. Ford, Civil War veteran who fell and fractured his collar bone is able to be about.

COMMUNITY TREE, TOWN'S FIRST, AT DUNBAR DEC. 23

Officials of American Manganese Company Head Movement.

GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

DUNBAR Dec. 20.—For the first time in her history of more than a century Dunbar is to have a community Christmas tree in the bounties of which the children of the community are to share alike. Nor could this bounty come at a more opportune time for owing to the strenuous times in more homes than ever before there will not be the funds necessary to provide adequate food and Christmas toys and candy for the children. And for this unmistakable evidence of the true Christmas spirit the general manager superintendent and other officials of the American Manganese Manufacturing company are responsible. In fact the community Christmas tree is but continued evidence of the good fellowship with and interest in the people manifested in a substantial way ever since General Manager R. M. Russell and his able assistants took charge of the points of the manganese company.

Coming here in the winter time when the blizzards of hard times have smitten the country, sore they discussed the outlook with the men agreeing to reduce rents and living expenses and keep the furnace running if the men would meet them in their effort by accepting lower wages. The men agreed and the plants are still in operation. With this in operation, the matter of amusement for the community was considered and from conditions most uprisings these public spirited men brought forth a bull team that was not only the pride of the town but was among the very best in the country. Then came the fourth of July and it was suggested that a celebration for the benefit of the volunteer fire department might produce needed funds and with an enthusiasm that put life blood into the movement these men took hold of it and success was achieved.

But the girls could not play ball and something for their entertainment was needed and so a tennis court that does credit to the town was prepared and opened.

And now the silver lining of the ominous cloud that overhung the Christmas time shows itself in the community tree celebration to be held the evening of Friday, December 23.

At the parish house near the Ligonier railroad station a large pine has been secured and will be planted on the lawn. The tree will be electrically lighted in brilliant colors and in its branches and at its base will be displayed toys, games and candies abundant for the children of the entire community. In connection with the celebration will be given a fine Christmas, entertainment musical and literary. In the musical program all the church choirs of Dunbar will participate making the event a memorable one. Special entertainments have been selected by the committee having the affair in charge and it is safe to predict that the celebration will be one of the largest ever seen in the community and that a result of the good fellowship a better spirit will pervade the town and all surrounding country.

Santa in Palm Beach on Visit To Summit School

The first day before the Christmas vacation at the Summit school in Dunbar township of which Mrs. Minnie Foreland is teacher was made a happy occasion for all Santa Claus in the person of Colonel James J. Barnhart, a palm beach suit and stiletto and wearing the peripatetic from his brow distributed a treat provided by the teacher. This tropical weather extended to the pupils as the children were given a uniform. The colonel told the children songs and readings by the children and readings by Mrs. Harford were other enjoyable features of the day.

Serving on Jury.

In May trial is serving on the Fayette county jury today week.

Coal Freight Rates

Effective August 26, 1920

TO EASTERN PORTS.	Connellsville	Westmoreland	Fairmont	Gibburg	Laporte
Rate per Gross Ton of 2240 lbs.					
Baltimore Md. (break bulk)	\$2.05	42.43	38.25	33.15	
Chesapeake Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.85	40.00	35.00	30.00	
Cum gratia Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.75	39.00	34.00	29.00	
Harrisburg Pa. (P. R. R. & R.)	1.65	38.00	33.00	28.00	
Jonestown Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.55	37.00	32.00	27.00	
Lebanon Pa. (P. R. R. & P. R.)	1.45	36.00	31.00	26.00	
New York N. Y. (E. R. R.)	1.35	35.00	30.00	25.00	
New York N. Y. (N. Y. R. R.)	1.25	34.00	29.00	24.00	
Philadelphia Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.15	33.00	28.00	23.00	
Scranton Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.05	32.00	27.00	22.00	
Uniontown Pa. (P. R. R.)	0.95	31.00	26.00	21.00	
Westmoreland Pa. (P. R. R.)	0.85	30.00	25.00	20.00	
York Pa. (P. R. R.)	0.75	29.00	24.00	19.00	
TO ATLANTIC PORTS VIA F. R. R.					
Greenwood (break bulk)	0.65	28.00	23.00	18.00	
for onward export	0.55	27.00	22.00	17.00	
South Amboy, N. J. (U. S. R. R.)	0.45	26.00	21.00	16.00	
Harrisburg (break bulk)	0.35	25.00	20.00	15.00	
Scranton (break bulk)	0.25	24.00	19.00	14.00	
Uniontown (break bulk)	0.15	23.00	18.00	13.00	
TO CANADIAN PORTS VIA F. R. R.					
St. George (break bulk)	0.10	22.00	17.00	12.00	
St. George (break bulk)	0.05	21.00	16.00	11.00	
St. George (break bulk)	0.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	

The rate from points on the Monongahela River to the Fairmont group south of the Pennsylvania state line to Jonestown is \$1.00 per net ton. Rates to Jonestown from Greensburg and Laporte groups apply respectively from point of origin to destination. The Connelville rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Fairmont from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

TO WESTERN PORTS	Pittsburgh	Upper	Lower
Rate per Net Ton of 2240 lbs.	(1)	(2)	(3)
Canton O.	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25
Columbus O.	1.65	1.40	1.15
Cleveland O.	1.55	1.30	1.05
Columbus O.	1.45	1.20	0.95
Dayton O.	1.35	1.10	0.85
Indianapolis Ind.	1.25	1.00	0.75
London O.	1.15	0.90	0.65
Youngstown O.	1.05	0.80	0.55
TO CANADIAN PORTS			
Port Huron Mich.	0.95	0.70	0.45
Buffalo N. Y.	0.85	0.60	0.35

These rates apply in general to shipments from the western points described. There are however numerous extensions to the specific rates quoted and in each case before applying the rate as a basis for freight charges the shipper or consignee should determine the exact location of the mine from which the business will move then refer to the tariff naming the rate in question.

The Pittsburgh District includes points east as far as Laporte and south as far as Brownsville and including the following points, but not including Brownsville on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central line.

The Connelville District includes points on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Fairmont, on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston except Brownsville and all Monongahela River railroad points, New York Central points east of Dickerson Run including Connelville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

Three Barns Blown Over by Storm of Saturday Night

The heavy mountain storm which swept sections of this county Saturday night and early Sunday morning resembled a small cyclone in part of Upper Merion township. Three large barns were overturned two of them being demolished. Outbuildings were blown down and practically every house in the vicinity somewhat damaged.

The barn of Squire M. K. Murray was overturned and in spite of the fact that it was torn to pieces the cattle were uninjured. The chimney was also blown from the top of the house. At the home of Smith Pich the chimney was also blown off and windows crashed in by the force of the wind.

The barn on the farm of Harry Shoup was also blown down and destroyed. A third barn belonging to Mr. J. L. H. near Kingsley was overturned but not otherwise damaged. Two cows and two calves in the structure were not injured.

Emory Pratt Post Names Officers, Plans To Present Minstrel

Officers for the ensuing year were elected last night at a meeting of the Emory L. Pratt Post, The American Legion at Underhill. All the present officers were re-elected. The installation will take place at the next meeting to be held on Wednesday evening December 29.

The officers elected are: Dr. J. H. H. Pratt, commander; Jeffrey Pratt, vice commander; William Love, adjutant; J. W. Marrott, post finance officer; J. W. Bonar, sergeant at arms; Edward Reel, Edward Riley and Jeffrey Pratt, post historians.

Plans for the second annual minstrel show to be given in the near future were laid. Lawrence Maug was named chairman of the minstrel committee. A wireless outfit was installed in the Legion rooms last week.

When a Jitney Is, When It Is Not a Common Carrier

HARRISBURG Dec. 27.—Hauling of a baseball team to a nearby town and driving to a hospital with an injured person do not make the owner of cars so engaged a common carrier and complicate against him are dismissed by the Public Service Commission.

In another case it is held a man who runs a car and hauls passengers for a private arrangement when he is not working in a mine is a common carrier and must secure a license.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Italian Society of New Corps for Fighting Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place at a meeting of the Society of Amato di Nuovo Corps held Sunday.

The officers are: C. DiPierro, president; Michael Monelli, vice president; P. M. Rulli, corresponding secretary; Raffaele Tapanancia, secretary; C. DiPierro, A. Scatelli and A. Amato, Grassi, trustees.

Subscribes for The Week Courier

Grim Reaper

MRS. MARGARET SHAW

Mrs. Margaret Shaw 54 years old widow of John A. Shaw of Connelville died Saturday at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. M. Martin at Havre de Grace Md. She having been in poor health for some time past her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Shaw was born at Ligonier daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Connors and spent her girlhood days there. She later located in Connelville where she continued to reside until the death of her husband five years ago. Since then she had made her home with her daughter Mrs. Martin. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church of Connelville and had a wide circle of friends here. In addition to her Mrs. Shaw is survived by the following children: Maudie H. Shaw South Connelville; Mrs. H. D. Fisher Ligonier; Mrs. Charles Samsen Youngstown; O. Henry L. Shaw of the Ligonier State hospital; L. M. and Mrs. John S. Shaw of Washington D. C. She was a cousin of Court Crier C. M. Keeg of Uniontown.

ROBERT J. KINGS

Robert J. Kings 71 years old died Sunday morning at Smithfield from a complication of illnesses. His widow Mrs. Alice Kings one daughter Mrs. Fred Briney three sons Harry, I. and John R. Kings of McKeesport and Minor at home four brothers West George Charles and Thomas and two sisters Mrs. Van Sick and Mrs. Susan Stewart, all of Smithfield survive.

LEWIS NEWSON

Lewis Newson 70 years old well known colored resident of Connelville died Saturday night at his home 502 1/2 East Gibson avenue of heart trouble. His widow survives.

MRS. BELLE REDNER

Mrs. Belle Redner 64 years old died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Frank Woolly at Continental No. 2 on Saturday of paralysis.

GEORGE HALL

OHIOPIED Dec. 19.—George Hall who died at his home at Star City W. Va. was brought here Saturday. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church and interment was made in Belle Grove cemetery.

JAMES H. GREGORY

James H. Gregory of Emma of the Moon Run mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company for 20 years and a brother of Mrs. Carrie Shaw of Connelville died Saturday at his home at Moon Run.

DAVID YAUGER

David Yauger 34 years old of Uddi died Saturday morning in the Uniontown hospital. His widow and four children survive.

EDWARD CONNARE

SCOTTDAL Dec. 17.—Edward Connare 50 years old died at the home of his brother John Connare Fifth avenue. The funeral service was held Monday morning at St. John's church.

MRS. DELEN GATNER

Mrs. Ellen Gales 73 years old died Friday at her home at Fairchance. Two years ago she fell fracturing a hip bone and since then she had been an invalid. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from the home.

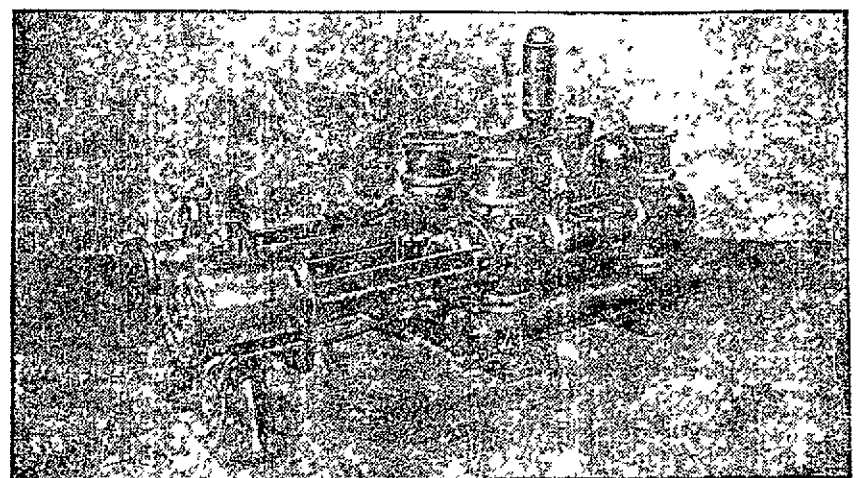
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